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1. MIDDLE EAST.

A. SALZBURG MEETING. TASS REPORTS (ALL MAJOR DAILEIS)

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STRESS THE CONCONCLUSIVE RESULTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS

WITH SADAT. FIRST ITEM REPLAYS UNDERSECRETARY SISCO'S STATEMENT TO THE PRESS THAT THE TALKS CONCERNED POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO A SETTLEMENT INCLUDING BOTH A RETURN TO EFFORTS AT STEP-BY-STEP AND RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. TASS REPORTS THAT SISCO "ADMITTED" NO CONCRETE DECISION HAD BEEN ACHIEVED. SAME ARTICLE ALSO RECALLS THAT THE SECRETARY EARLIER SAID "SENSATIONAL RESULTS" WERE NOT EXPECTED FROM THE SALZBURG MEETING. SECOND TASS ITEM REPORTS STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT THAT THE TALKS TOOK PLACE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE AND THAT "FURTHER CONSULTATIONS" WILL FOLLOW. SADAT IS CITED AS SAYING THAT THE TALKS WERE INTENSIVE AND DISCUSSED DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO RESOLVING THE ME PROBLEM. TASS DOES NOT MENTION SADAT'S COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S PEACE-MAKING EFFORTS OR HIS INVITATION TO THE PRESIDENT TO VISIT EGYPT.

B. NEW YORK-DATELINED TASS ITEM REPORTS RABIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ISRAEL WILL THIN OUT ITS FORCES NEAR THE SUEZ CANAL AS A GESTURE OF GOOD WILL. RABIN IS ALSO CITED AS SAYING ISRAEL'S DECISION WAS NOT TAKEN TO INFLUENCE THE SALZBURG TALKS. TASS DOES NOT MENTION FAVORABLE EGYPTIAN REACTION TO THE ISRAELI MOVE.

C. SPEAKING IN KALININGRAD JUNE 2, GROMYKO SAID THE ME SITUATION CARRIES "GREAT DANGER," BUT THE KNOT OF TENSION IN THE REGION CAN BE UNTIED "IF ARAB LANDS ARE CLEANSED OF ISRAELI FORCES AND THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, WHICH GRANTS THE ARAB PALESTINIANS THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT TO CREATE THEIR OWN STATE, IS RESOLVED." ALL THIS GROMYKO CONCLUDED, "SHOULD BE SEALED BY A STRICT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT PROVIDING THOSE GUARANTEES WHICH WOULD SECURE THE EXISTENCE AND PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL STATES OF THIS REGION, INCLUDING ISRAEL." THE PRAVDA SUMMARY OF THE SPEECH EXCISED ANOTHER FAVORABLE REFERENCE TO ISRAEL, CARRIED IN THE LOCAL OBLAST PAPER, IN WHICH GROMYKO SAID THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A SOLUTION "TO THE SATISFACTION OF BOTH THE ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL."

D. IZVESTIYA'S MONTHLY INTERNATIONAL REVIEW FOR MAY (JUNE 2) BY STURUA REITERATES THE USSR'S SUPPORT FOR A PEACE SETTLEMENT
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MENT BASED ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED LANDS, SATISFACTION OF THE PALESTINIANS' NATIONAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO CREATE A STATE, AND "GUARANTEES OF THE SECURITY OF ALL STATES OF THIS REGION, INCLUDING ISRAEL." STURUA SAYS THE MECHANISM FOR SUCH A SETTLEMENT ALREADY EXISTS IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND THE USSR SUPPORTS RESUMPTION OF THE CONFERENCE, "BUT OF COURSE AFTER SERIOUS AND DETAILED PREPARATION." STURUA ASSERTS, HOWEVER, THAT TEL AVIV'S

HAWKS AND THEIR FOREIGN BACKERS DO NOT FIND SUCH AN APPROACH TO THEIR LIKING AND CHARGES THAT THE LETTER FROM 76 U.S. SENATORS, LIKE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER'S RECENT THREAT TO USE "HARSH MEASURES" IN THE EVENT OF ANOTHER OIL EMBARGO, SHOW HOW COMPLICATED AND URGENT IS THE NEED FOR A ME SETTLEMENT.

2. BILATERAL. IN HIS KALININGRAD SPEECH, GROMYKO SPOKE OF "SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES FOR THE BETTER" IN U.S.- USSR RELATIONS WHICH HAVE "SERIOUS SIGNIFICANCE" FOR WORLD SITUATION. HE SAID THE U.S. AND THE USSR ARE WORKING TO IMPLEMENT "ALL OF THE UNDERSTANDINGS" REACHED AT VLADIVOSTOK, INCLUDING FIRST OF ALL ON SALT. "UPCOMING VISIST" OF BREZHNEV, GROMYKO SAID, WILL BE "VERY MAJOR STAGE" IN DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS. PRAVDA CUT ANOTHER FAVORABLE REFERENCE TO SALT, AS WELL AS THE THE AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR. STURUA, IN IZVESTIYA, ASCRIBES "SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE" TO U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. HE SAYS THAT GROMYKO AND KISSINGER, MEETING IN VIENNA, EMPHASIZED THEIR RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE PREVIOUS COURSE IN DEVELOPING RELATIONS. PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT YE. RUSAKOV WRITES FROM NEW YORK ON UNEMPLOYMENT IN HARLEM, SAYS INHABITANTS ARE ORGANIZING TO REGAIN RIGHT TO WORK. IZVESTIYA CARTOON DESCRIBES CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY PRACTICES OF U.S. FIRMS ABROAD.

3. NATO. STURUA IN IZVESTIYA CASTIGATES DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING AND NATO SUMMIT FOR ASSUMPTION THAT DETENTE LEADS TO MILITARY ADVANTAGE OF WARSAW PACT, SAYS THAT MEETINGS HAVE SHOWN THAT MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX DOMINANT AS BEFORE IN SETTING NATO POLITICAL GOALS. STURUA CONTENDS THAT NATO IS "USING EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AS AN EXCUSE" TO SPEED UP ARMS RACE. STURUA ALSO SAYS THAT THE PENTAGON HAS DECIDED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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INCREASE "AMERICAN ARMED FORCES AND ARMS" IN THE NATO EUROPEAN THEATRE, A MOVE HE DESCRIBES AS BEING INCOMPATIBLE WITH GOALS OF MBFR. PRAVDA CORRESPONDENTS REPORTING FROM ROME, NEW YORK, BONN, AND LONDON EMPHASIZE U.S.-WESTERN EUROPEAN DIFFERENCES DURING NATO SUMMIT. U.S. IS IMPLICITLY PORTRAYED AS URGING INCREASED DEFENSE EFFORT AS PRIMARY NATO GOAL, WHILE SOME OTHER PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING FRG, ARE SAID TO HAVE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY. WESTERN EUROPEANS, SAYS THE ARTICLE, HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO PUBLIC OPINION AND THEREFORE WERE COOL TO U.S. VIEWS ON PROTUGAL. WHOLE SERIES OF STATES, ARTICLE REPORTS, OPPOSED CLOSER RELATIONS WITH SPAIN.

4. PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO MADRID. IZVESTIYA, IN SIGNED EDITORIAL (S. PETROV) REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO

MADRID RESULTED IN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO MAINTAIN U.S. BASES IN SPAIN. EITORIAL SURMISES THAT MOVE TO THE LEFT IN PORTUGAL HAS GREATLY INCREASED STRATEGIC VALUE OF SPAIN FOR U.S. EDITORIAL EMPHASIZES OPPOSITION WITHIN SPAIN TO AMERICAN PRESENCE.

5. UN. PRAVDA CARRIES THE TEXT OF THE SOVIET LETTER TO UNSYG WALDHEIM OPPOSING UN CHARTER REVIEW, AND ESPECIALLY ANY MODIFICATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL VETO.

6. KOREA. PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS ITEM FROM PYONGYANG REPLAYING EXCERPTS FROM A KIM IL SUNG INTERVIEW IN AN ALGERIAN NEWS-PAPER. IN THE ITEM KIM IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE KOREAN PEOPLE SEEK "PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION," BUT THAT "U.S. IMPERIALISM" SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN ITSELF IN SOUTH KOREA AFTER ITS SETBACK IN INDOCHINA. U.S. "OCCUPATION" OF SOUTH KOREA IS AN "ANACHRONISM," SAYS KIM.

7. CHINA. PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS ITEM FROM TOKYO ON PEKING'S ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO WOO THE JAPANESE RIGHTISTS TO ACCEPT THE "HEGEMONY" LANGUAGE OF THE PROPOSED JAPAN-CHINA TREATY. RED STAR, CONTINUING THE STIFFER ANTI-PEKING RHETORIC EVIDENT IN DEFENSE MINISTER GRECHKO'S MAY 29 SPEECH, CARRIES A COMMENTARY ON THE "BRAINWASHING" OF CHINESE YOUTH ALLEGEDLY TO MAKE THEM TOOLS IN THE MAOIST ANTI-SOVIET AND GREAT POWER SCHEMES. STOESSEL
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